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In re Application of	:	
Jeffrey M. Amsden, Gildas	:	
Boulc'h, Achim K. Heibel, and	:	
Neil E. Partridge	:	
Application No. 10/750,472	:	
Filed: December 31, 2003	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No. SP03-159	:	PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R.
Title: MULTI-TUBULAR REACTORS	:	§1.47(A)
WITH MONOLITHIC CATALYSTS	:	

This is in response to the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§1.47(a)¹, filed May 28, 2004.

1A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires:

- (1) the petition fee of \$200;
- (2) a surcharge of either \$65 or \$130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e);
- (3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
- (4) either
 - a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
 - b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort;
- (5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

The Office regrets the extended period of delay in issuing this decision.

On December 31, 2003, the application was filed, identifying Jeffrey M. Amsden, Gildas Boulc'h, Achim K. Heibel, and Neil E. Partridge as joint inventors. The application was deposited without a fully executed oath or declaration. On May 3, 2004, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted" (Notice) was mailed, indicating that a fully executed oath or declaration and the associated surcharge were required. This Notice set a two-month period for reply.

Along with the present petition, Petitioner has submitted a declaration that has been executed by each of the joint inventors save Mr. Boulc'h, the associated surcharge, the petition fee, the last known address of Mr. Boulc'h, a declaration of facts, and copies of a letter and e-mails.

Petitioner has established that a complete copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor, and that a response has not been received.

Petitioner has met each of the five requirements of Rule §1.47(a), and has submitted all required fees. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED** and this application is hereby accorded Rule §1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule §1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the present application can receive further processing in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225². All other inquiries

² Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. §1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).

concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Shanoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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